



June 7, 2021

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Florida Department of State  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

RE: St Lucie County Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Digitally Preserving St. Lucie County Beginnings

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to support the “Digitally Preserving St. Lucie County Beginnings” project, offered by the State Historical Preservation grants program and proposed by the St. Lucie County Clerk and Comptroller’s office. The grant project would digitize St. Lucie County Official Records and Deed Books from 1905 (St. Lucie County, formerly part of Brevard County, was incorporated in 1905) to 1960, records which now exist only on microfilm in the Clerk’s office. By digitizing these records, the St. Lucie County Clerk’s office would be able to add them to their online official records collection, which would make them available 24/7 to the public.

Prior to being Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, I was a volunteer at the St. Lucie County Library, helping people research their ancestors. Records such as these, available online, are a gold mine for those doing any kind of research, including real estate, title, local history, legal and genealogical.

The City of Fort Pierce is very supportive of this project. We are a transparent city and continue to try to seek more ways to keep the public informed of current and past information, available online and easily accessible. This project contributes to City of Fort Pierce transparency, as well as St. Lucie County.

Sincerely,

Linda Hudson, Mayor  
City of Fort Pierce